

Remarks:

Applicants request entry of this amendment prior to calculation of the application fee and prior to the first examination of this application. This preliminary amendment is intended to place the claims in substantially the same form as they were considered in the Written Opinion of the International Preliminary Examination Authority (Rule 66 PCT) PCT/IPEA/408. The claims have been modified to eliminate any multiple dependency and to conform the form of the claims to standard U. S. practice. Throughout the claims, the use of the article "a" is intended to mean "at least one". Applicants believe that the claims define patentable subject matter over the known prior art, identified in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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